

Sinclair Broadcasting's intention to air anti-kerry ads days before the campaign violates the spirit of a democratic free press. I would argue the same if the adds were for Kerry. Please hear, policy administrators at the FCC, that by allowing Sinclair or Clear Channel or whatever giant media corp to use their ownership status/influence to clandestinely shape news in a partisan fashion moves us in a dangerous anti-democratic direction, that is, in a direction contrary to the theoretical mandate of the free press to report domestic and world news as fully and neutrally as possible so that a free populace can, using their reason and conscience, decide what is true and what actions organically follow from the ability to reach an accurate account of the presented facts. By contrast, we have the profit/power motive of a media giant (Sinclair) dictating (autocratically!) what its stations will present. This is not news; its propaganda. Please find your own consciences and do not allow this to happen. The FCC has great power to help recuscitate a slowly dying democratic body politic.